

REMARKS

Claims 24 – 26, 29 – 33, 35 – 45 and 47 – 73 are pending.

Claims 35, 37, 43 – 45 and 47 – 73 are allowed.

Claims 33, 36 and 38-42 are objected to.

Claims 24 – 26 and 29 – 32 are rejected.

Claim 24 is currently amended.

The Examiner noted that claim 24 was broadened, rather than amended to incorporate the limitations of canceled claim 34, as was asserted by Applicant in the previous response. While Applicant's copy in his database does so indicate, it appears from the submission made to the USPTO and which is scanned on the USPTO web PAIR page that the last two lines of claim 24 have a strike-through therein, which was clearly not the intent of Applicant, as evidenced by the fact that the claim ends incomplete, the last word being "that".

By this amendment, Applicant has corrected this obviously unintentional error, and apologizes for any confusion caused. Applicant's amendment to claim 24 introduces the feature of previously objected-to claim 34 therein, thus rendering claim 24 and all its dependent claims allowable.

As noted by the Examiner, claims 71-73 are intended to remain in the application.

All the issues raised by the Examiner have been dealt with.

Prompt notice of allowance is earnestly and respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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